

THE EPISTLE

forgive the most presumptuous Offenders:
 And by the other, that you will not e-
steem the least work of Nature, or Art,
unworthy your Observation. Amidst the
many felicities that have accompani'd
your Majesties happy Restauration and
Government, it is none of the least confi-
derable, that Philosophy and Experimental
Learning have prosper'd under your Royal
Patronage. And as the calm prosperity
 of your Reign has given us the *leisure*
 to follow these *Studies of quiet and re-*
tirement, so it is just, that the *Fruits of*
them should, by way of *acknowledge-*
ment, be return'd to your Majesty.
 There are, Sir, several other of your
 Subjects, of your Royal Society, now
 busie about Nobler matters: The Im-
 provement of *Manufactures and Agricul-*
ture, the Increase of Commerce, the Ad-
vantage of Navigation: In all which
 they are *assisted by your Majesties Incon-*
agement and Example. Amidst all those
 greater

DEDICATORY.

greater Designs, I here presume to bring
 in that which is more *proportionable* to
 the *smalness* of my Abilities, and to
 offer some of the *least* of all *visible*
things, to that *Mighty King,* that has esta-
blisht an Empire over the best of all In-
visible things of this *World,* the *Minds*
 of Men.

Your Majesties most humble

and most obedient

Subject and Servant,

ROBERT HOOKE.